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On Monday

It was absolutely the best party for the diplomatic corps that Secretary of State and Mrs. Shultz have given. The annual black-tie buffet supper and dance turned out to be a swinging affair. For some reason — maybe because the Iran issue has cut the great United States down to size — all the envoys seemed to be in a good mood. Some quick glimpses:

Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin chatting with dean of the corps. Sweden's Ambassador Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister, when Richard Helms was brought up and introduced as the former director of the CIA. The U.S.S.R.'s man burst into laughter as he shook hands and said Mr. Helms must already know everything about him.

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